

REMARKS

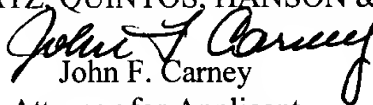
Claims 1 to 9 are in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action of November 24, 2003 in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213, the application is hereby amended to adopt the amendment to claim 1 as proposed in the Office Action and to revise Figs 7 and 8 of the drawings to the extent of adding dot-dash lines to Figs 7 and 8 in order to succinctly define the location of the integrally formed "peripheral projecting portion" 27 as described in the specification.

With these amendments to the application it is submitted that the formal matters referred to in the Office Action have been addressed and the application is accordingly in condition for allowance.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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FIG. 7

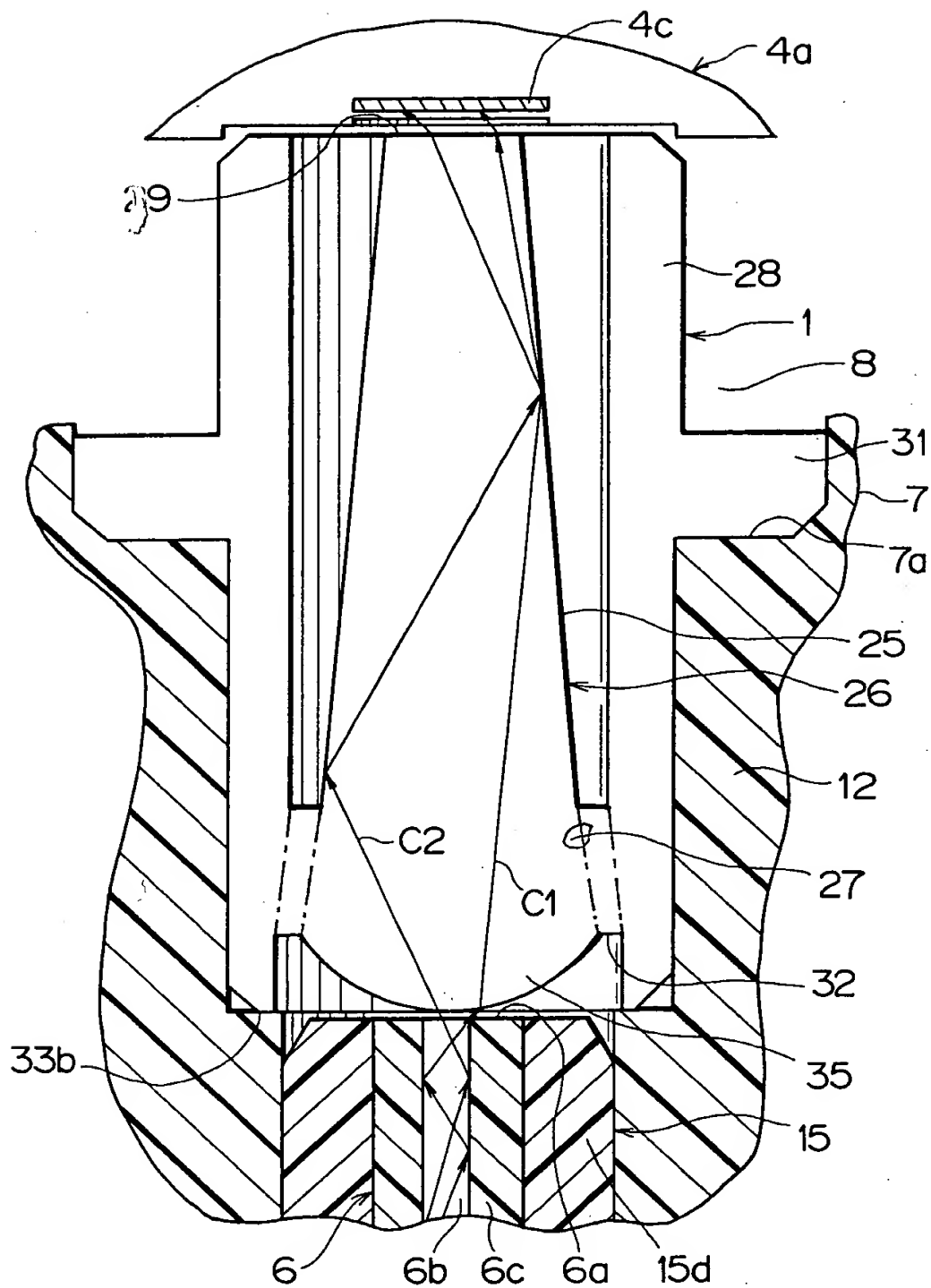


FIG. 8

